

A RESOLUTION honoring the Pulaski County High School football team.

WHEREAS, Pulaski County High School etched their names in the history books in 2014, winning the school's first state championship and capping a magical 13-2 season that saw the Maroons become one of the preeminent football programs in this Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, after beating Cooper High in the semifinals of the Class 5A Russell Athletic/KHSAA Commonwealth Gridiron Bowl, Pulaski County took on the Graves County High School Eagles for a chance to win a state championship; and

WHEREAS, on December 5, 2014, at Houchens Industries/LT Smith Stadium in Bowling Green, the Pulaski County High School Maroons defeated Graves County 14-7 behind a withering defense that forced two turnovers and held the state's leading rusher in check, and an offense behind quarterback Riley Hall, who threw for 154 yards and was named the game's MVP, and Jaylen Conwell, who rushed for two touchdowns; and

WHEREAS, Pulaski County capped a historic 13-2 season that followed a 2013 campaign which saw the Maroons finish 14-1; and

WHEREAS, on January 3, 2015, the Associated Press named Pulaski County Head Coach John Hines its Coach of the Year, an acknowledgement of the hard work and dedication he gave to this team as they pursued a state championship. Coach Hines, who took over the Pulaski program in 1999, has won an extraordinary 50 games since the 2010 season; and

WHEREAS, this honorable body congratulates the Pulaski County High School Maroons on their first-ever state championship, commends the hard work of Head Coach John Hines and his staff for their exemplary work, and acknowledges the support of all the fans in Pulaski County who have helped make this team a success;

NOW, THEREFORE,

***Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

➔Section 1. The Senate hereby congratulates the Pulaski County High School football team upon winning the 2014 5A state championship and grants all the players, coaches, support staff, and families who have helped this team along the way best wishes as they prepare for another successful season in 2015.

➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor of the Pulaski County High School football team.

➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Senator Chris Girdler for delivery.